

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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T'EP: RA: TI

## Legend

Taxpayer A =

IRA Account B =

Account C =

Account D =

Account E =

Bank L =

Bank M =

Bank N =

Amount 1 =

## Dear :

This is in response to your request dated July 25, 2011, as supplemented by correspondence dated April 5, 2012, May 9, 2012, and July 13, 2012, in which you request, through your authorized representative, a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

The following facts and representations have been submitted under penalty of perjury in support of the ruling requested.

Taxpayer A represents that she received a distribution equal to Amount 1 from IRA Account B, which was maintained by Bank L. Taxpayer A asserts that her failure to accomplish a rollover within the 60-day period prescribed by 408(d)(3)(A) was due to a mistake by Bank M in failing to deposit Amount 1 into a rollover IRA account.

Amount 1 in IRA Account B was invested in a Certificate of Deposit ("CD") that was scheduled to mature on August 8, 2009. On July 9, 2009, Taxpayer A withdrew Amount 1 from Bank L that was in the form of a check payable to the "Taxpayer A IRA." On that same day, Taxpayer A represents that she took the check made out to her IRA directly to Bank M and instructed the clerk at Bank M to deposit the check into an IRA CD. Taxpayer A also represents that she signed the forms as instructed by the clerk at Bank M. Instead of depositing Amount 1 into an IRA CD, Bank M deposited Amount 1 into Account C, a non-IRA CD account owned by Taxpayer A's revocable trust maintained with Bank M.

Although Taxpayer A was unable to provide actual documentation showing that she attempted to establish an IRA account when Amount 1 was deposited into Account C, Taxpayer A provided a copy of the check payable to her IRA. Taxpayer A also submitted a copy of the CD receipt for Account C, which identifies her revocable trust as the owner of Account C. On July 17, 2009, Taxpayer A established an IRA rollover account with Bank M using a distribution from another IRA. Taxpayer A submitted a copy of the IRA application she filed with Bank M and a copy of the receipt for the IRA CD for the July 17, 2009, transaction.

In 2010, Bank M was acquired by Bank N, at which time Account C became Account D, another non-IRA account, maintained by Bank N. On August 9, 2010, Taxpayer A received a letter from Bank N addressed to her revocable trust with Taxpayer A as trustee, informing her that the CD in Account D was scheduled to mature on August 30, 2010, and that it could be renewed for another year with a new maturity date of July 30, 2011. The CD in Account D was renewed for another year.

Taxpayer A received a Form 1099-INT for 2009 and 2010 showing that interest on Account C was taxable. Taxpayer A represents that she first became aware that Amount 1 was in a non-IRA account when she received a notice from the Service on May 31, 2011, that she owed additional taxes for 2009 due to the distribution of Amount 1. Bank N provided a letter to Taxpayer A dated June 9, 2011, stating that its records indicated that the check that was used to make the deposit of Amount 1 into Account C with Bank M was payable to Taxpayer A only, even though the check for the distribution was payable to the "Taxpayer A IRA."

Based on the above facts and representations, you request that the Service waive the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount 1 from IRA Account B.

Section 408(d)(1) of the Code provides that, except as otherwise provided in section 408(d), any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA shall be included in gross income by the payee or distributee, as the case may be, in the manner provided under section 72.

Section 408(d)(3) of the Code defines, and provides the rules applicable to IRA rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(A) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(1) does not apply to any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA to the individual for whose benefit the IRA is maintained if:

- (i) the entire amount received (including money or any other property) is paid into an IRA for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the day on which the individual receives the payment or distribution; or
- (ii) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the date on which the payment or distribution is received, except that the maximum amount which may be paid into such plan may not exceed the portion of the amount received which is includible in gross income (determined without regard to section 408(d)(3)).

Section 408(d)(3)(B) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(3) does not apply to any amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) received by an individual from an IRA if at any time during the 1-year period ending on the day of such receipt such individual received any other amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) from an IRA which was not includible in gross income because of the application of section 408(d)(3).

Section 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code provides a similar 60-day rollover period for partial rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(E) of the Code provides that the rollover provisions of section 408(d) do not apply to any amount required to be distributed under section 408(a)(6).

Section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code provides that the Secretary of the Treasury may waive the 60-day requirement under sections 408(d)(3)(A) and 408(d)(3)(D) where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that

occurred after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 408(d)(3)(I).

Rev. Proc. 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R.B. 359 (January 27, 2003), provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code, the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error; (3) the use of the amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The information and documentation submitted by Taxpayer A is consistent with her assertion that her failure to accomplish a timely rollover was due to an error committed by Bank M in failing to deposit Amount 1 into an IRA as clearly indicated on the check presented to them by Taxpayer A.

Therefore, pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code, the Service hereby waives the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount 1. Taxpayer A is granted a period of 60 days from the issuance of this letter ruling to contribute Amount 1 into a rollover IRA. Provided all other requirements of section 408(d)(3), except the 60-day rollover requirement, are met with respect to such contribution, the contribution will be considered a rollover contribution within the meaning of section 408(d)(3).

This ruling does not authorize the rollover of amounts that are required to be distributed by section 401(a)(9) of the Code.

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transaction described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations that may be applicable hereto.

This letter ruling is directed solely to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter ruling is being sent to your authorized representative.

If you wish to inquire about this ruling, please contact correspondence to SE:T:EP:RA:T1.

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Sincerely yours, Contrar A. Wattsens

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